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THE PETERS FAMILY

MATTHEW PETERS...descendant of the Peters family of Pennsylvania, who came from Germany at an early date...Was born in The state of Virginia, possibly Franklin Co. His family were members of the Church of the Brethern (Dunkards). He was married in Franklin Co., Va. Jan. 20, 1791 to HANNAH TONEY, the daughter of William Toney, Sr. Surety for the marriage was her brother, Poindexter Toney. The family lived in Virginia, Franklin Co., until about 1817 when they moved to Ohio and settled in Preble County, Jackson Township about 1820. Their children, most of whom were born in Virginia, are not fully known. The sons who are known to have moved with him and his wife to Preble Co. were: EDMUND PETERS who was married in Union Co., Indiana on March 3, 1829 to Sarah Sanders; ADAM PETERS who was married before 1820 to Mary Hamilton of Preble Co.; JOHN PETERS who was married on June 10, 1821 in Preble Co. to Nancy (Fautbrick?) This name may be an error, and must be checked more thoroughly. The daughters known to have moved to Preble Co. were: ELIZABETH PETERS who was married on Oct. 9, 1834 to Henry Garthwait of Wayne Co., Indiana; MARY M. PETERS who was married March 2, 1848 to Alexander Rhea in Preble Co.; and CATHERINE PETERS married Aug. 3, 1818 to George Cunningham of Wayne Co., Indiana. It is unknown if the family lived in Preble or in Wayne or Union Co. before 1820. Other children of Matthew Peters are believed to be: JACOB PETERS who was married in Franklin Co., Virginia to Barbara Gossett on Nov. 11, 1816; STEPHEN PETERS who was also married in Virginia and probably MARY A. PETERS who was married Aug. 1, 1841 to John Stonecipher of Wayne Co., Indiana. The 1830 Census for Preble Co., Ohio recorded: MATTHEW PETERS (ca 1768-1832) born in Virginia between 1760-1770); HANNAH PETERS (nee Toney) ca 1772) born in Virginia between 1770-1780. 1 GIRL age 10-15 (born 1815-1820); 1 girl 5-10 (born 1820-1825); 2 boys ages 15-20 (born between 1810-1815).

Matthew and Hannah (Toney) Peters both died in the Cholera Epidemic of 1832 in Preble Co. They are believed to either be buried on their own land in a private graveyard or in the Lybrook Cemetery. No Markers.

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Their son...

JOHN PETERS (ca 1792-about 1832) is believed to also have died in the Cholera Epidemic. His wife Nancy (now a widow) was left with 5 very small children to raise. 4 boys and 1 daughter.

The eldest son: DANIEL PETERS born in Preble Co. in 1823 was married in Preble Co., Ohio on Feb. 15, 1849 to Sarah A. Murray, the daughter of Thomas Murray. 10 children.

The second son: AUGUSTUS PETERS born in Preble Co. in 1827 was first married June 7, 1864 in Randolph Co., Indiana to Sarah E. Horn. After her death he married Sarah Ellen Wilson who died in Wayne Co., Indiana on April 12, 1871. His third marriage was to Martha Ann Williams on Sept. 12, 1871 in Wayne Co. He is known to have had two children: Honor Cherry (born 1860) and Wellington Peters (1864) probably more.

The third son: MATTHEW PETERS (born 1826) is believed to be the Rev. G.M. Peters (George Matthew) who was pastor of the Twin Creek Church of Preble Co. in 1881.

The fourth son: JOHN PETERS (born 1828) was probably the John R. Peters who served in the Civil War from Preble Co. He resided with his mother, Nancy Peters, and was recorded in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census in her household. May have never married.

The only daughter: HANNAH JANE PETERS ^{Dec.} (1824-1/30/1902) was married in Preble Co. on Jan. 8, 1848 to NATHAN VICK, the son of Noah B. Vick. The family resided on State Line Road and was recorded in the 1850 census of Ohio and Indiana (Dixon Township and Boston Township). The 1860 census shows Boston Township, Wayne Co., Indiana. Her husband was a widower with two small sons which she raised along with her own children. Nathan Vick enlisted in the Calvary during the Civil War in the Ohio Militia as a Veterinarian (his occupation). Soon after his enlistment the family moved to Randolph Co., Indiana and settled in Greensfork Township about a mile and a half northwest of Spartansburg. Nathan Vick was crushed by a falling horse while serving in the Calvary and was brought home where he died about two days later.

He is buried in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery (member of the Mt. Gilead Christian Church) in Randolph Co. His marker is now missing. (Has since been located out of place.)

His widow raised her children in Randolph Co. on the family farm (homestead). In later years she sold the farm and moved about 2 miles west near the Ohio State line. The 1880 census recorded in her household a young cousin, age 9...Mary L. Toney (born 4/9/1871), the daughter of Archibald and Sarah Mann Toney, who was temporarily boarding with her. Archibald had married the daughter of John Mann, a sister to Lydia (Mann) Vick, step-son's wife.

Hannah (Peters) Vick died in 1902 of pneumonia and is buried in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery, Randolph Co., Indiana.

Her children were: Jesse Lee Vick (1848); Nancy Jane Vick (1853) Noah J. Vick (1856); Sarah M. Vick (1857); Barbara E. Vick (1859-1869) and Edward Newton Vick (1851).

Edward Newton Vick was twice married. By his first wife, Loretta Bishop...3 children only 1 survived named James Garfield Vick (1880). His second marriage was to Rosanna Jane Shepherd and by her he had 9 children: Ernest Nathan (1886-1887) Hannah E. (1888); Harry J. (1890); *Sarah M. (1892); Nancy J. (1893); Bertha E. (1896) Edith E. (1898); Edward N. (1900) and William Franklin (1901-1902)

*Sarah Melinda Vick (7/31/1892-5/1/1982), my grandmother, was married in 1910 to Elias B. Mumah of Randolph Co.

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